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Lévesque et al.

Serial No.

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TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF EPIDERMAL BASAL CELLS INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS, NEURONAL CELLS AND/OR GLIAL CELLS

Examiner:

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for **Patents** Washington, D. C. 20231

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Notice of Non-compliant amendment under 37 CF.R. mailed April 17, 2001 for the above-captioned patent application on or before May 17, 2001 § 1.121, mailed April 17, 2001 for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before May 17, 2001. In connection with the above-captioned application the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and to consider the corresponding remarks in Applicant's Response to Office action, which applicant mailed on March 22, 2001.